

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

After the foregoing Amendment, claims 1-5, 7, 8, and 10-19 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1-5, 8, 11-12, and 17 have been amended. Applicants submit that these amendments do not affect the substance of the claims and that they are merely stylistic in nature. Claims 25-27, and 29 are canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 1-5, 7, 8 and 10-19 contain allowable subject matter.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 25-27 and 29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,828,662 to Jalali et al. (hereinafter "Jalali").

Claims 25-27, and 29 are canceled and therefore this 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection is now moot. Withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection of claims 25-27 and 29 is respectfully requested.

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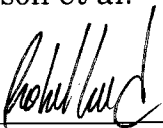
Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 1-5, 7, 8, and 10-19, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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